

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION
DISTRICT**

Independent Auditor's Reports, Management's
Discussion and Analysis and Basic
Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

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Board of Directors
Occidental County Sanitation District
Santa Rosa, California

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Occidental County Sanitation District (District), a component unit of the County of Sonoma, California, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2010, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated November 4, 2010 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis as listed in the table of contents is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Macie Hini & O'Connell LLP

Certified Public Accountants

Sacramento, California

November 4, 2010

Management's Discussion and Analysis

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

As management of the Occidental County Sanitation District (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's financial statements (pages 9-11) and the accompanying notes to the financial statements (pages 12 – 20).

Reporting Entity

The District is managed by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency), which provides administration, engineering, operational and maintenance services. The District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors. The District is considered an integral part of the County's reporting entity, resulting in the District's financial statements being included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Please refer to the definition of the reporting entity within the notes to the financial statements for additional detail.

Financial Highlights

Net Assets

The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$3,581,141 (*net assets*). Of this amount, \$422,515 (*unrestricted net assets*) may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Revenues

The District recognized total revenues of \$779,725 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. Of this amount, \$459,467 consists of operating revenues including a refund from the Water Agency, and \$320,258 of nonoperating revenues consisting of investment earnings, property taxes, and contributions from the Water Agency towards the District's conservation program (\$15,000), and operations (\$300,000).

Expenses

The District incurred expenses totaling \$801,881 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. This amount represents operating expenses related to the collection, treatment, disposal, and reclamation of effluent, totaling \$783,567, along with \$18,314 in expenses towards the District's conservation program.

Increase in Net Assets

The District recorded an operating loss of \$324,100 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, while recognizing an overall decrease in net assets of \$22,156.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's financial statements. The District's financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) management's discussion and analysis, (2) financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Management's discussion and analysis, this section, is intended to provide a narrative overview that users need to interpret the financial statements. Management's discussion and analysis also provides analysis of key data presented in the financial statements.

Financial Statements

The District is engaged only in business-type activities. The District accounts for its financial activity utilizing fund accounting, specifically enterprise fund accounting, to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. An enterprise fund is a proprietary fund type used to report activities for which a fee is charged to external customers for goods or services provided. The focus of an enterprise fund is the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flow. The financial statements presented are the *statement of net assets; the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets; and the statement of cash flows*.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 12 – 20.

Financial Analysis

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$3,581,141 at the close of the most recent fiscal year compared to net assets of \$3,603,297 as of June 30, 2009. The \$22,156 decrease in net assets can be primarily attributed to increased services and supplies costs incurred by the District for Water Agency services and increased expenses for chemicals.

A significant portion of the District's net assets (86.4% as of June 30, 2010 compared to 47.8% for June 30, 2009) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., construction in progress and buildings and improvements. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Condensed Statements of Net Assets

	June 30, 2009	June 30, 2010	Percentage Change
Current and other assets	\$ 1,888,365	\$ 495,972	-73.7%
Capital assets	3,106,518	3,093,525	-0.4%
Total Assets	4,994,883	3,589,497	-28.1%
Current liabilities	1,391,586	8,356	-99.4%
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	1,723,291	3,093,525	79.5%
Restricted for conservation	68,415	65,101	-4.8%
Unrestricted	1,811,591	422,515	-76.7%
Total Net Assets	\$ 3,603,297	\$ 3,581,141	-0.6%

A portion of the District's net assets (\$65,101) represent resources that are subject to restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets of \$422,515 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. As of June 30, 2010, the District reports positive balances in all of its net assets categories.

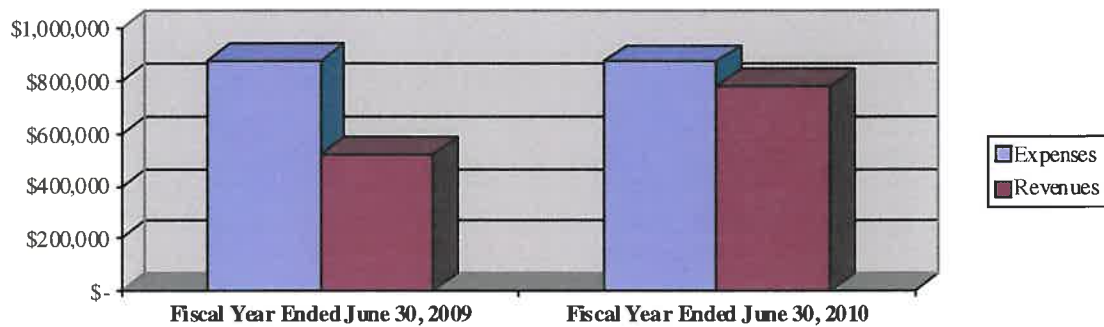
Condensed Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009	June 30, 2010	Percentage Change
Revenues			
Operating revenues	\$ 363,488	\$ 459,467	26.4%
Nonoperating revenues	153,402	320,258	108.8%
Total revenues	516,890	779,725	50.8%
Expenses			
Services and supplies	598,790	642,738	7.3%
Fiscal agent fees and legal services	1,146	6,458	463.5%
Depreciation	134,114	134,371	0.2%
Conservation program	9,085	18,314	101.6%
Loss on disposal of capital assets	138,005	-	-100.0%
Total expenses	881,140	801,881	-9.0%
Loss before contributions	(364,250)	(22,156)	-93.9%
Capital contributions - intergovernmental	5,300	-	-100.0%
Decrease in net assets	(358,950)	(22,156)	-93.8%
Net assets, beginning of year	3,962,247	3,603,297	-9.1%
Net assets, end of year	\$ 3,603,297	\$ 3,581,141	-0.6%

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
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The District's net assets decreased by \$22,156 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 compared to a decrease of \$358,950 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. Intergovernmental revenues include funding received from the Water Agency totaling \$300,000 in order to allow the District to meet its ongoing operating expenses, along with \$15,000 from the Water Agency towards the District's conservation program.

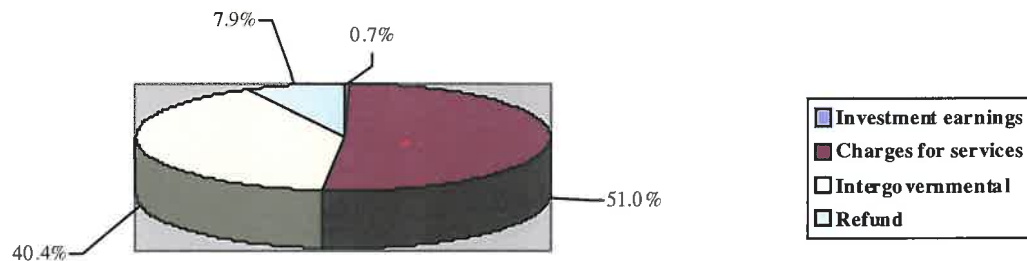
Expenses and Revenues



Total expenses for the District decreased by \$79,259 to \$801,881 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 due primarily to the recognition of a \$138,005 loss on the disposal of a capital asset during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. This was offset by an increase in services and supplies expense of \$43,948 which was primarily due to increased administrative services provided by the Water Agency.

Total revenues of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 totaled \$779,725 representing an increase of \$262,835 from the preceding fiscal year revenues, of \$522,190. The rate based charges for services, representing 51.0% of the District's total revenue, increased by \$34,588; Investment earnings increased from the preceding year by \$1,941. Intergovernmental revenues of \$15,000 were received from the Water Agency towards conservation costs along with a contribution of \$300,000 towards operating costs. A refund from the Water Agency totaling \$61,391 was also received. The contribution of \$300,000 is the primary reason for the overall 49.3% increase in revenues from the prior year.

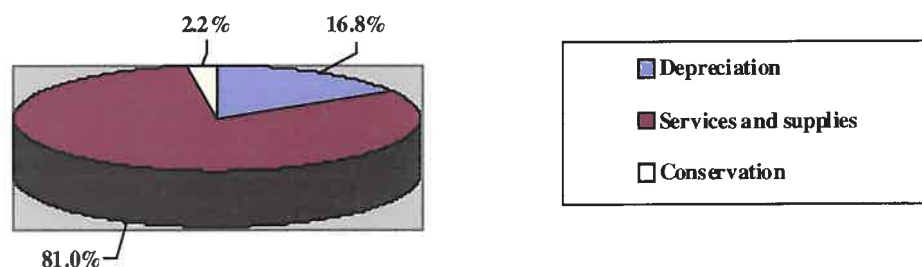
Revenues by Source



**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

As previously mentioned, revenues earned by the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 totaled \$779,725. Of this amount \$398,076 or 51.0%, was generated through charges for services. Charges for services represent sewer services charges to cover operations and maintenance costs, which are initially collected through the permitting process, then subsequently through the tax rolls. Investment earnings totaling \$5,001 consists of earnings on pooled cash held with the Sonoma County Treasurer. Intergovernmental revenues, representing financing from the Water Agency for the District's conservation program and funding towards operations totaled 40.4% of the District's revenues. A refund from the Water Agency for prior year overhead and equipment charges totaled 7.9% of District revenue.

Expenses by Function



Total expenses for the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 totaled \$801,881. Costs associated with the collection, treatment, and disposal of effluent represent 81.0% of the District's costs. Annual depreciation expense on capital assets represents \$134,371 (16.8%) of total expenses. Conservation program expenses totaled \$18,314, or 2.2% of total expenses.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The District's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2010, amounts to \$3,093,525 (net of accumulated depreciation).

Occidental County Sanitation District's Capital Assets

	June 30, 2009	June 30, 2010	Percentage Change
Construction in progress	\$ -	\$ 121,378	-
Buildings and improvements	3,931,872	3,931,872	0.0%
Accumulated depreciation	(825,354)	(959,725)	16.3%
Total	\$ 3,106,518	\$ 3,093,525	-0.4%

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note D on page 18 of the financial statement footnotes.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Next Year's Budget and Rates

Budgeted gross expenses for the District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 have decreased by \$423,105 (29.4%) for a total of \$1,015,025. The major component of the decrease in budgeted expenses is related to capital projects that have been completed.

Following is a comparison of the final budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 and the proposed budgeted expenses for the District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011	Decrease	Percentage Change
Operations	\$ 1,027,130	\$ 815,025	\$ (212,105)	-20.7%
Construction	411,000	200,000	(211,000)	-51.3%
Total	\$ 1,438,130	\$ 1,015,025	\$ (423,105)	-29.4%

Budgeted expenses for fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 differ in several instances from the budgeted expenses presented in the management's discussion and analysis for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. These variances are due to Board approved budgetary adjustments made subsequent to the publication of the audited basic financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

The sewer service fees were increased for the 2010/11 budget year. The rates were increased by 9.0%.

Following are tables showing the sanitation services rates and equivalent single dwellings for the District.

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011	Percentage Change
Rate per Equivalent Single-Family Dwelling	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,526	9.0%
Number of Equivalent Single-Family Dwellings	285	287	0.7%

Request for Additional Information:

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Sonoma County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office, ATTN: Fiscal Division, 585 Fiscal Drive, Room 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2010

Assets

Current assets:

Cash and investments	\$ 286,595
Accounts receivable	143,776
Deposits with others	500
Restricted cash and investments	
Restricted for conservation program	65,101
Total current assets	495,972

Noncurrent assets:

Capital assets:	
Construction in progress	121,378
Buildings and improvements	3,931,872
Less accumulated depreciation	(959,725)
Total capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	3,093,525
Total noncurrent assets	3,093,525
Total assets	3,589,497

Liabilities

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,356
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Net Assets

Invested in capital assets	3,093,525
Restricted for conservation program	65,101
Unrestricted	422,515
Total net assets	\$ 3,581,141

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Operating revenues	
Flat charges	\$ 385,812
Charges for services	12,264
Refund - Sonoma County Water Agency	61,391
Total operating revenues	459,467
Operating expenses	
Services and supplies	642,738
Fiscal agent fees and legal services	6,458
Depreciation	134,371
Total operating expenses	783,567
Operating loss	(324,100)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	
Investment earnings	5,001
Conservation program expenses	(18,314)
Intergovernmental - Sonoma County Water Agency	315,000
Property taxes	257
Total nonoperating revenues, net	301,944
Decrease in net assets	(22,156)
Net assets - beginning of year	3,603,297
Net assets - end of year	\$ 3,581,141

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Receipts from customers	\$ 322,634
Refund from Sonoma County Water Agency	61,391
Payments to Sonoma County Water Agency	(514,535)
Payments to suppliers	(134,664)
Conservation program outlays	(18,314)
Net cash used by operating activities	(283,488)

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Taxes received	257
Conservation program contribution from Water Agency	15,000
Intergovernmental - Sonoma County Water Agency	300,000
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	315,257

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Purchase of capital assets	(121,378)
Deposits paid to other governments	(500)
Proceeds received from state grants	1,728,792
Principal payments - Sonoma County Water Agency	(1,383,227)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	223,687

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Interest received on pooled cash and investments	5,001
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents 260,457

Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year **91,239**

Cash and cash equivalents - end of year **\$ 351,696**

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Cash and investments	\$ 286,595
Restricted cash and investments	65,101
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 351,696

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating loss	\$ (324,100)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Conservation program outlays	(18,314)
Depreciation	134,371
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts receivable	(75,442)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(3)
Net cash used by operating activities	\$ (283,488)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Note A. Defining the Financial Reporting Entity

The Occidental County Sanitation District (the District) is managed by the Sonoma County Water Agency (the Water Agency), which provides engineering, administration, operational, and maintenance services. The District is responsible for maintaining and operating the local sanitation collection systems, pump stations, and treatment plants. The District has an ordinance defining policies, including user fees.

Component Unit Reporting

The District is governed by a Board of Directors (the Board) which is the County of Sonoma (the County) Board of Supervisors. The exercise of this oversight responsibility causes the District to be an integral part of the County's reporting entity. Therefore, the District's financial statements are also included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The District conforms to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. A summary of significant accounting policies is included below.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The District uses a proprietary (enterprise) fund to account for its activities. An enterprise fund may be used to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. Enterprise funds are required for any activity whose principal external revenue sources meet any of the following criteria: (1) issued debt is backed solely by fees and charges, (2) the cost of providing services for any activity (including capital costs such as depreciation or debt service) must be legally recovered through fees or charges, or (3) if the government's policy is to establish activity fees or charges designed to recover the cost of providing services.

The District's financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the District are included on the statement of net assets. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

The District has elected under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, to apply all applicable GASB pronouncements as well as any applicable pronouncement of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or any Accounting Research Bulletins issued on or before November 20, 1989 unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. Governments have the option of following private-sector guidance issued subsequent to November 30, 1989, as such, the District has elected not to follow private-sector guidance subsequent to November 30, 1989.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating from nonoperating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are flat charges and charges for services. Operating expenses for the District include expenses relating to the collection, treatment, disposal, and reclamation of effluent as well as administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Cash and Investments

The District's cash and investments are pooled with the Treasurer of Sonoma County. The Treasurer also acts as a disbursing agent for the District. The fair value of the investments in the pool is determined quarterly. Realized and unrealized gains or losses and interest earned on pooled investments are allocated quarterly to the District based on its respective average daily balance for that quarter in the County Treasury Investment Pool (the Treasury Pool), an external investment pool.

The District applies the provisions of GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools*, which requires governmental entities to report certain investments at fair value in the statement of net assets and recognize the corresponding change in the fair value of investments in the year in which the change occurred. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, the District has stated its investment in the Treasury Pool at estimated fair value.

The District applies the provisions of GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures* – an amendment to GASB Statement No. 3, which requires governmental entities to provide proper footnote disclosures on common deposit and investment risks related to credit risk, interest rate risk and custodial credit risk.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and Investments (Continued)

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all pooled cash and investments as cash and cash equivalents because the Treasury Pool is used as a demand deposit account. Restricted cash and investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are also treated as cash and cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists of uncollected fees for sanitation services and flat charges as of June 30, 2010. Flat charges are established annually by the Board and are billed through the County's property tax system. The District does not record an allowance for uncollectible receivables as it deems all receivables as fully collectible.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost or estimated historical cost. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Depreciation has been provided, excluding construction in progress, using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives ranging from 3 to 50 years. Buildings and improvements are generally estimated to have useful lives ranging from 30 to 50 years.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use, either through enabling legislation adopted or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulation of other governments. At June 30, 2010, the District has \$65,101 restricted for the District's conservation program

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Board adopts a budget annually to be effective July 1st for the ensuing fiscal year for the District. The general manager of the Water Agency is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts of the District except for transfers between major expense classes or transfers between capital assets and operating expenses. Such transfers require approval by the County Administrator and/or the Board.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Note B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Property Tax Revenue

Property taxes, including tax rates, are regulated by the State and are administered locally by the County. The County is responsible for assessing, collecting and distributing property taxes in accordance with state law. The County is responsible for the allocation of property taxes to the District.

The County has adopted the Teeter Alternative Method of Property Tax Allocation known as the "Teeter Plan". The State Revenue and Taxation Code allows counties to distribute secured real property and supplemental property taxes on an accrual basis resulting in full payment to the District each fiscal year. Any subsequent delinquent payments and related penalties and interest will revert to the County.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue when they are levied. Liens on real property are established January 1 for the ensuing fiscal year. The property tax is levied as of July 1 on all taxable property located in the County. Secured property taxes are due in two equal installments on November 1 and February 1, and are delinquent after December 10 and April 10, respectively. Additionally, supplemental property taxes are levied on a pro rata basis when changes in assessed valuation occur due to sales transactions or the completion of construction. Property tax collection and valuation information is disclosed in the County's financial statements.

Intergovernmental Revenues

Intergovernmental revenues represent contributions from the Water Agency for operations and for the District's conservation program.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note C. Cash and Investments

The District follows the practice of pooling cash and investments with the County Treasurer. The Investment Oversight Committee has regulatory oversight for all monies deposited into the Treasury Pool.

Interest income earned on pooled cash and investments is allocated quarterly based on the average daily balance of the District during the quarter.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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Note C. Cash and Investments (Continued)

Investment Guidelines

The District's pooled cash and investments are invested pursuant to investment policy guidelines established by the Treasurer and approved by the Board. The objectives of the policy are, in order of priority: safety of capital, liquidity and maximum rate of return. The policy addresses the soundness of financial institutions in which the Treasurer will deposit funds, types of investment instruments as permitted by the California Government Code, and the percentage of the portfolio that may be invested in certain instruments with longer terms to maturity.

Permitted investments include the following:

- U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency securities
- Bonds and notes issued by local agencies
- Registered state warrants and municipal notes and bonds
- Negotiable certificates of deposit
- Bankers' acceptances
- Commercial paper
- Medium-term corporate notes
- Local Agency Investment Fund (State Pool) deposits
- Repurchase agreements
- Reverse repurchase agreements
- Securities lending agreements
- Mutual funds and Money market mutual funds
- Collateralized mortgage obligations
- Collateralized time deposits
- Joint powers agreement
- Investment Trust of CA. (Caltrust)

A copy of the County Investment Policy is available upon request from the Treasurer at 585 Fiscal Drive, Room 100, Santa Rosa, California, 95403.

As of June 30, 2010 the District's cash and investments consisted of \$351,696 in the Treasury Pool managed by the Treasurer, which is not rated by credit rating agencies, and had a weighted average maturity of 486 days. The credit rating and other information regarding specific investments maintained in the Treasury Pool as of June 30, 2010 are disclosed in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity its fair value is to changes in market interest rates. One of the ways that the County Treasurer manages the District's exposure to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments, and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing, or coming close to maturity, evenly over time, as necessary, to provide the cash flow and liquidity needed for operations.

**OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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Note C. Cash and Investments (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The California Government Code and the County's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits or investments, other than the following provision for deposits and securities lending transactions:

- The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by depository regulated under state law. The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits.
- The California Government Code limits the total of all securities lending transactions to 20% of the fair value of the investment portfolio.

Investments in external investment pools and in open-end mutual funds are not exposed to custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2010, all of the District's investments were in the Treasury Pool and, are therefore, not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The District follows the County's policy to purchase investments with the minimum ratings required by the California Government Code. The credit rating and other information regarding the Treasury Pool for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 are disclosed in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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Note D. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 was as follows:

	July 1, 2009	Additions	Retirements	June 30 2010
Capital Assets, not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$ -	\$ 121,378	\$ -	\$ 121,378
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	3,931,872	-	-	3,931,872
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(825,354)	(134,371)	-	(959,725)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	3,106,518	(134,371)	-	2,972,147
Total capital assets, net	\$ 3,106,518	\$ (12,993)	\$ -	\$ 3,093,525

Depreciation expense amounted to \$134,371 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

Note E. Related Party Transactions

The District is a special district under the Board of Supervisors, and as such, has the same board members as the County. Both the District and the Water Agency are component units of the County, and therefore, are considered related parties.

The District is managed by the Water Agency, which provides administration, engineering, operational, and maintenance services. The District does not incur any payroll expenses. The Water Agency allocates overhead costs to the District via the use of an overhead rate charged on labor applicable to the District. The overhead rate is reviewed periodically by management to determine its effectiveness. The District paid \$514,539 to the Water Agency for administrative support during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

During the year ended June 30, 2010, the District received funding from the Water Agency to allow the District to meet its operating, construction, and conservation program expenses. The total funding received by the District amounted to \$315,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. The District also received a refund from the Water Agency for excessive overhead and equipment charges in the amount of \$61,391.

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Note G. Commitments and Contingencies

Pending Litigation, Claims, and Assessments

An enforcement order issued by the North Coast Regional Quality Control Board (NC Regional Board) against the District and the Water Agency remains outstanding pending completion of capital improvements for the District's facility. The enforcement order requires the District to construct a compliance project to address historical discharge permit violations. The compliance project has changed several times since the enforcement order was issued due to financial and political reasons. The District is currently working on a new project proposal for review and approval by the NC Regional Board. The NC Regional Board may issue a new Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) order either before or after project approval. It is too early to predict the cost for the District to participate in construction of the project which is proposed as the level of cost will depend on the cost of the project selected and the amount of grants and loans obtained from outside funding agencies.

In February, 2010, the District received a 60 day notice letter of the possible filing of a lawsuit under the citizen suit provisions of the Clean Water Act for alleged violations at the District's treatment facility. The parties are currently negotiating a resolution of outstanding issues regarding the treatment facility operations, including settlement of claims of alleged violations. It is too early to tell whether this matter will be settled or a citizen suit will be filed. Any penalties and or other costs associated with a citizen suit are unknown at this time.

Other Regulatory Matters

The District is subject to Section VII of the Endangered Species Act. Section VII requires that all affected agencies, including the District, consult with fish and wildlife officials before performing any work which might disrupt or harm any endangered or threatened species or their habitat. This Act increases the possibility of threatened litigation from various environmental groups and individuals. The District is also subject to Section X of the Endangered Species Act which deals with habitat conservation planning.

Note H. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The District is covered by the County's self-insurance program, which is accounted for in the County's Risk Management Internal Service Fund. The District is covered under this program for general liability, auto liability, public employees' performance/dishonesty and property insurance.

The County maintains a self-insured retention of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for general and automobile liability. Excess liability coverage is maintained through participation in the California State Association of Counties, Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA) and Excess Liability Program. Limits of this coverage are \$15,000,000.

The County also maintains public employee faithful performance/employee dishonesty coverage through a joint-purchase program provided by National Union Fire Insurance Company and administered by CSAC-EIA with limits of \$10,000,000 and a \$25,000 deductible.

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Note H. Risk Management (Continued)

The County maintains "All Risk" property insurance including flood and earthquake through participation in the CSAC-EIA property insurance program. Limits of coverage are \$600,000,000 per occurrence including flood and \$80,000,000 per occurrence for earthquake. Deductibles for most perils are \$50,000 per occurrence, with flood at \$200,000 per county per occurrence and earthquake at 5% of total insured values per unit, per occurrence, subject to a \$500,000 minimum per occurrence. For losses within the deductible, the County maintains a deductible self-insured pool for losses in excess of \$5,000.

The District pays an annual premium to the County for this insurance coverage. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage for any of the past four fiscal years.



Board of Directors
Occidental County Sanitation District
Santa Rosa, California

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

We have audited the basic financial statements of Occidental County Sanitation District (District) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated November 4, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Directors and District management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Maclean Mini & O'Connell LLP

Certified Public Accountants

Sacramento, California
November 4, 2010